

Monday, March 30, 1998

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2731–S2779*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1879–1882 and S. Res. 201 and 202. **Page S2764**

**Measures Passed:**

**Extension of Reporting Deadline:** Committee on Intelligence was discharged from further consideration of S. 1751, to extend the deadline for submission of a report by the Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, and the bill was then passed. **Page S2778**

**Authorization of Representation by Senate Legal Counsel:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 202, to authorize representation by Senate Legal Counsel. **Pages S2778–79**

**Congressional Budget:** Senate resumed consideration of S. Con. Res. 86, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 and revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S2733–59**

Pending:

Murray Amendment No. 2165, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to reduce class size by hiring 100,000 teachers. **Page S2733**

Sessions/Enzi Amendment No. 2166, to express the sense of Congress that the Federal Government should acknowledge the importance of at-home parents and should not discriminate against families who forego a second income in order for a mother or father to be at home with their children. **Pages S2736–42, S2757**

Gregg Amendment No. 2167, to express the sense of the Senate that this resolution assumes that no immunity from liability will be provided to any manufacturer of a tobacco product. **Pages S2742–47**

Gregg/Conrad Amendment No. 2168 (to Amendment No. 2167), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2747**

Kyl Amendment No. 2169, to express the sense of the Congress regarding freedom of health care choice for medicare seniors. **Page S2747**

Conrad (for Dodd) Amendment No. 2173, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for child care improvements. **Page S2754**

Conrad/Lautenberg/Bingaman/Reed Amendment No. 2174, to ensure that the tobacco reserve fund in the resolution protects public health. **Pages S2754–57**

Conrad (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 2175, to express the sense of the Senate regarding elementary and secondary school modernization and construction. **Page S2755**

Conrad (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2176, to increase Function 500 discretionary budget authority and outlays to accommodate an initiative promoting after-school education and safety. **Page S2755**

Brownback Amendment No. 2177, to express the sense of the Senate regarding economic growth, Social Security, and Government efficiency. **Pages S2757–58**

Burns Amendment No. 2178, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the use of agricultural trade programs to promote the export of United States agricultural commodities and products. **Pages S2758–59**

A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Amendment No. 2166, listed above, on Tuesday, March 31, 1998, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S2779**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S2764**

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** **Pages S2764–73**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2773–74**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2777–78**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 31, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S2779.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Elaine D.

Kaplan, of the District of Columbia, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, and Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 21 public bills, H.R. 3581–3601; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 254–255, and H. Res. 401 were introduced. Page H1776

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2574, to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection (H. Rept. 105–471);

H.R. 1151, to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to clarify existing law and ratify the longstanding policy of the National Credit Union Administration Board with regard to field of membership of Federal credit unions, amended (H. Rept. 105–472);

H. Res. 402, providing for consideration of H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–473); and

H. Res. 403, providing for consideration of H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers (H. Rept. 105–474). Page H1776

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1701

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:02 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H1704

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Casper, Wyoming National Historic Trails Interpretive Center:** H.R. 2186, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming; Pages H1707–09

**Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act:** H.R. 3113, to reauthorize the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994; Pages H1710–11

**Consolidation of Mineral Interests in Billings County, North Dakota:** S. 750, to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H1711–13

**Blackhawk Helicopters for Colombian National Police:** H.R. 398, amended, urging the President to expeditiously procure and provide three UH–60L Blackhawk utility helicopters to the Colombian National Police solely for the purpose of assisting the Colombian National Police to perform their responsibilities to reduce and eliminate the production of illicit drugs in Colombia and the trafficking of such illicit drugs, including the trafficking of drugs such as heroin and cocaine to the United States. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H1713–20

**Iran Missile Protection Act:** H.R. 2786, amended, to authorize additional appropriations for the Department of Defense for ballistic missile defenses and other measures to counter the emerging threat posed to the United States and its allies in the Middle East and Persian Gulf region by the development and deployment of ballistic missiles by Iran. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H1721–26

**Illegal Foreign Contributions Act:** H.R. 34, amended, amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from making contributions or expenditures in connection with an election for Federal office (passed by yeas and nays vote of 369 yeas to 43 nays with 1 voting present, Roll No. 82); Pages H1739–48, S1764–65

**Campaign Reporting and Disclosure Act:** H.R. 3582, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to expedite the reporting of information to